

TOWN OF TRURO
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2007

The Truro Board of Selectmen met for their weekly session on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Road, Truro. In attendance were: Chairman Alfred Gaechter, Vice-Chairman Gary Palmer, Clerk Christopher R. Lucy, Curtis Hartman, Jan Worthington, Town Administrator Pamela Nolan, Administrative Secretary Julie DuPree, Martha Nagy, Dan Sanders, Brian Boyle, Phil Smith, Cindy Slade, Brenda Boleyn, and Steve DesRoche of the Cape Codder. Assistant Town Administrator Charleen Greenhalgh was absent.

Mr. Gaechter convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes: Mr. Palmer moved to approve the minutes of the regular sessions of April 17 and 24, 2007 as written. Ms. Worthington seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous. Mr. Gaechter explained that a citizen had requested a copy of the Executive Session minutes of December 20, 2005 and in reviewing them, he saw no reason not to release them. The other members concurred. Mr. Gaechter moved to release the Executive Session minutes of December 20, 2005. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

Public Comment: none.

Fire protection agreement: Chief Prada explained that this is usual agreement with the NPS. It is a five year agreement; each year it is modified for the amount of funding the NPS is providing to Truro. Ms. Worthington moved to accept the agreement with the NPS as written and authorize the Chair to sign. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

Debt issues: Ms. Slade must renew two notes for temporary debt issues. One is for the Community Center, and the other for the Poor property purchase. She requested that the Board approve the sale of these notes to Cape Cod Five Cents; they bid the lowest rate of interest as well as the lowest interest cost. Mr. Hartman so moved. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

Public Hearing, Liquor license transfer: Mr. Gaechter opened the hearing for Pamet Valley Package Store. He noted the Board has been informed that the sale of this business has fallen through. He moved to permanently adjourn the public hearing for the liquor license transfer. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

Resignation: Mr. Gaechter moved to accept with regret the resignation of Breen Wright from the COA and that a letter of thanks be sent to her. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

Interviews: Tercentennial Celebration Committee: Mr. Gaechter noted that there are two applicants for one vacancy on the Tercentennial Celebration Committee. Phil Smith explained his interest in town activities. He feels a member of Truro Treasures would be a good addition to the committee. He gave an overview of his past business experience. Dan Sanders spoke of his involvement with Highland House and Highland Light. He had been approached to fill a vacancy, and is willing to help even if not appointed. Mr. Palmer moved to appoint Phil

Smith. Mr. Gaechter seconded it. Mr. Hartman noted that they were lucky to have two able and eager candidates. **Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Interview: Truro Cultural Council: Brian Boyle told the Board that he has the time to serve and would like to make a contribution to a great town and he felt the Cultural Council was a great way to start. He told the Board about his past experience with administration of funds. **Mr. Gaechter moved to appoint Brian Boyle to the Truro Cultural Council. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Open Space contract: Ms. Boleyn explained that the Open Space Committee feels MapsWorks will be a good fit for the town, and they are confident that they can do the work of finishing the town's Open Space and Recreation Plan. This plan is needed to be eligible to apply for grants. It also needs to be as consistent as possible with the LCP. **Mr. Gaechter moved to authorize the signing of the contract with MapWorks. Mr. Hartman seconded it.** He asked if the Recreation Commission had been involved in the interviews for a consultant. Ms. Boleyn said that they had not, but they have been in contact, and would like to have a member of the Recreation Commission serve on the Open Space, at least for a while. There is an opening. Discussion centered on what they hoped the Open Space and Recreation Plan would be when completed. Mr. Lucy questioned if they had looked at the Regional Policy Plan so see that they are consistent with it. Ms. Boleyn said it made good sense to check with it and learn as much as they can as they work on Truro's plan. Mr. Gaechter noted that there is no requirement that the plan follow the Regional Policy Plan. Ms. Boleyn told the Board that the town plan will be reviewed by the CCC. **Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Snow's Landing: Mr. Gaechter postponed this discussion to a future meeting.

Request to use town property: The Board received a request to use Head of the Meadow Beach for a wedding on August 11th. Both the Police Chief and the Beach Supervisor had no concerns with granting this request. The applicant has been advised that she would need to request use of the TCS parking lot directly to the school principal. **Mr. Gaechter moved to authorize the use of Head of the Meadow for the wedding and to pass the request to use school parking to the school. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Taxicab regulations: Ms. DuPree informed the Board that she had received an application of a taxi business. She provided the Board with regulations and fees she drafted using the regulations of Provincetown and Wellfleet as models. She would like them to act on them in a timely manner since a public hearing on the regulations and fees will have to be held before the BOS must hold another public hearing to act on the business application; the applicant would like to begin operation by Memorial Day. **Mr. Hartman moved to accept the regulations as written. Ms. Worthington seconded it.** She asked how Ms. DuPree had arrived at the fares. Ms. DuPree explained that she used the fares that Wellfleet had just put in place last year, feeling that they would fit our needs better than those of Provincetown, and that they are still current. **Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

CC Water Protection Collaborative: No one has applied to serve on this. The Board discussed whether to have the ATA/Planner or the Health Agent represent the town. Mr. Hartman said that he did not want to overburden Ms. Greenhalgh, so he would defer to the Town Administrator. It was agreed that the work of this board had more to do with public health than planning. **Mr. Palmer moved to appoint Pat Pajaron as Truro's representative to the governing board of the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Town Administrator's Report: (action items)

- Reported that Provincetown has passed MGL C71, Section 16B. This continues their efforts to have the formula by which towns are assessed for the Regional Tech School changed to be more equitable. Mr. Gaechter would like to see the BOS act on this as well, bringing an article to town meeting, getting a comparison of what is paid for other schools, and bringing the legislators in on this. Mr. Hartman would like to pass this on to the school committee to weigh in on this. Ms. Nolan is to work on this between now and fall town meeting.
- Received a request from the Joint Chiefs of Staff asking that towns support the U.S. Reserves by protecting their positions if they leave work for active military service. **Mr. Gaechter moved to sign the statement on behalf of the town. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**
- Reported that the Americorps students completed the trail work at Poor's Hill. Mr. Hartman asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to them. Mr. Gaechter directed Ms. Nolan to prepare it for Open Space Committee signature as well.

Selectmen/Liaison Reports: (action items)

Palmer: -He had asked the secretary to find the vote of the Board which endorsed the Herring River project, but she could not find the vote in any of the minutes. **Mr. Palmer moved that the Board of Selectmen endorses the conceptual plan for the restoration of the Herring River Estuary, based on the stated premise that this restoration would be beneficial to the public interest and the environment. Ms. Worthington seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Other business: Mr. Gaechter moved to approve and sign the proclamation for Peace Officers' Memorial Day, Tuesday, May 15, 2007. Ms. Worthington seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

Next agenda: Next week is the Annual Town Election and Ms. Nolan had nothing urgent. **Mr. Gaechter moved not to hold a meeting. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.** Mr. Hartman had some requests for upcoming agenda items: Highland Center report, Handicapped access in town, Review of compliance with the Mayor's agreement on Climate. Mr. Lucy said that he would like to see the BOS do something about illegal dumping in town. He believes there is not regulation or fine in the bylaws. Ms. Nolan was directed to research this. Mr. Palmer will ask the BOS to review what they have also. Mr. Gaechter will speak to Chief Thomas about stepping up surveillance. Mr. Palmer reminded the Board that they are going to meet with FinCom regarding fees. Mr. Gaechter will see when would be a good time for FinCom. Ms. Nolan told the BOS that there will be a presentation by the Ethics Commission at

their meeting on the 15th, and two public hearings.

At 7:05 p.m. Mr. Gaechter moved to convene in Executive Session under the provisions of MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B to consider personnel matters and not to reconvene in Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Hartman, aye; Palmer, aye; Gaechter, aye; Lucy, aye; Worthington, aye. 5-0, unanimous.

Alfred Gaechter, Chairman

Gary Palmer, Vice-Chairman

Christopher R. Lucy, Clerk

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